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## **Auditor: Former Del. Schools Chief Used Credit Card Improperly**

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**WILMINGTON**, Del. (AP)- A state audit released Monday shows that for more than two years, former Christina Superintendent Joseph Wise spent thousands of dollars above the allowed limit on meals, personal purchases and gift certificates.

The auditor's report said Wise's use of a district credit card from July 2003 to November 2005 was inconsistent with district and state policies. During that time, he charged more than \$75,000 to the card but the auditor's report doesn't specify how much may have been spent improperly.

A Wilmington-area newspaper has reported that Wise took a higher-paying job in Duval County, Fla., and could not be reached for comment. He has said the allegations against him were political.

The audit was ordered by Superintendent Lillian Lowery as part of a financial review when she took the job in March. A financial team discovered a \$28 million deficit, forcing the system to cut jobs.

The state auditor says Wise has refunded or reimbursed more than \$4,000 in personal expenses.



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